

I urge you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation quickly into law.

**WOMEN'S OB/GYN MEDICAL ACCESS NOW ACT
(WOMAN ACT)
BILL SUMMARY**

Grants Direct Access: Gives women direct access to an OB/GYN or a participating family practice physician or surgeon designated by the plan or issuer as providing OB/GYN services. Prohibits plans or issuers from requiring a referral or prior approval.

Plan Considerations: Plan can set reasonable communication requirements between OB/GYNs and primary care physician. Plan can set reasonable utilization protocols, as long as those protocols are the same for OB/GYNs as they are for other physicians, such as primary care providers. (cannot be more restrictive for OB/GYNs)

Nodification for ERISA plans: Requires group health plans to comply with the notice requirements for ERISA when they modify their plan to comply with the rule.

**CHANGES TO TITLE IX ATHLETICS
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AND GENDER PARITY AND
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AND TITLE IX SHOULD BE KEPT
INTACT**

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, June 19, 2002 marked the 30th Anniversary of the passing of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. This legislation was introduced and tirelessly fought for by my late colleague and friend the Honorable Patsy Mink of Hawaii. Congresswoman Mink left a legacy for us to continue, one which demands our continued diligence in promoting and maintaining gender equality. Since its passing, Title IX has been crucial in setting a standard of equal education opportunities.

Today, and as a result of Title IX, the opportunities that women enjoy far surpass those of previous generations. These accomplishments are being threatened by current recommendations to implement changes to Title IX athletic policies that contradict the spirit of athletic equality and gender parity. We cannot allow this to happen.

Some argue that Title IX has accomplished all its goals and some even suggest that it has exceeded what it was set forth to accomplish. The reality Mr. Speaker, is that while great strides have been made to level the playing field for women in sports we have not achieved complete gender equity in athletics. Data from the NCAA 1999–2000 Gender Equity Report shows that female athletes in Division I schools receive only 41% of the opportunities to play intercollegiate sports, 43% of the total athletic scholarship dollars, 36% of the athletic operating budgets, and 32% of the dollars spent to recruit new athletes.

Additionally Mr. Speaker, Title IX does not deprive men of athletic resources, nor has men's participation in athletics suffered as a result of Title IX. In fact, by 2001 male participation in collegiate sports rose 22.6% from 1972. In 2000, for every dollar being spent on women's sport, Division I schools were spend-

ing almost two dollars on men's sports. In limited situations where men's athletic teams have been cut, it is often due to a lack of support for those teams combined with inflated budgets for football and men's basketball teams.

Given these realities, changes to Title IX would be premature and a set-back to the work we have accomplished over the last 30 years. The task laid at our feet by the Honorable Patsy Mink to fight for gender equality requires us to make sure that the advances women have made as a result of the implementation of Title IX do not overshadow the fact that our work is not complete. Therefore I urge my colleagues to support the intent of this resolution.

TITLE IX

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to voice my opposition to any efforts to change Title IX. For over 30 years, Title IX has been a successful program that has helped open doors for women in education and employment. I don't understand how people can argue with success and try to change such an important piece of legislation.

Times have changed in this nation for competitive sports, and it is all because of Title IX. Title IX has helped change assumptions and attitudes about sexual stereotypes. It is hard to comprehend that less than 30 years ago people believed women were physically incapable of running the marathon. It was believed that female body composition made it impossible for them to run long distances! It wasn't until women began defying this irrational and unfounded notion by competing anyway that the world took notice and a crippling stereotype died. It is a myth that women are not interested in sports or competition. It is a myth that women would rather be cheering on the sidelines than competing on the field, the court, the green, track, or the diamond. Any effort to repeal a program that allows access to sports and education for women reincarnates myths and stereotypes that should have been put to rest decades ago.

Title IX has helped knock down the senseless barriers that have prevented women from engaging in competition by requiring that equal funding be contributed to women's sports throughout all levels of education. Girls have an equal right with boys to receive at a minimum a basic education and to compete for scholarships—whether they are academic or athletic. Since 1972, the number of women playing collegiate sports has quadrupled! And the number of girls playing high school sports has increased to 3 million in the 30 years that Title IX has been on the books. Before Title IX was enacted, only 300,000 high school girls competed. The principle of equality requires that women be provided equal access and equal opportunity for education and sports.

My 16-year-old daughter Jennifer plays on her high school golf team. Before Title IX, a girl's golf team in most schools would never have existed. Before Title IX many women weren't even allowed to step foot on a green!

I want my daughter and the daughters of every family in the nation to have the right and the opportunity to compete and receive scholarships if their heart desires.

It is a myth that the requirements of Title IX take away funding for male sports teams! The overwhelming majority of funding available goes to support college football and college basketball. Furthermore, in 30 years we have seen the number of college baseball teams increase exponentially! If it were true that Title IX robs funding from male sports teams then why is it that for every dollar spent on women's collegiate sports, two dollars are spent for the male teams? We need to stop the myths about Title IX and allow the program to remain intact.

No longer do young girls need to hide their hair in a cap and pretend to be boys if they want to play ball. No longer do we harbor under the misconception that women can't and don't want to play. Title IX was a bold step toward equality and it was a necessary element toward achieving fairness. Sports teach us how to win with integrity and how to lose with grace. They teach us healthy competition and how to strategize for success. They help promote healthy exercise and lifestyles. Women need to be offered the opportunity to enrich their lives by playing sports. We need to keep Title IX in play.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID KEELEY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Keeley for his tireless leadership over two decades in the field of coastal resource management and to congratulate him for receiving the 2003 Walter B. Jones Memorial Award for Coastal Steward of the Year.

For over 25 years, Mr. Keeley has worked at the local, state and regional level in environmental management, policy development and planning with an emphasis on coastal and estuarine issues. Over thirteen years ago, Mr. Keeley created the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, a voluntary regional governance structure that includes the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as representatives from Canadian and U.S. federal agencies. The Council is an excellent example of a bilateral regional governance organization and is one of the best in North America. It is also a wonderful example of David's dedication and leadership. The success of the Council can be, in large part, directly attributed to the activism and involvement of Mr. Keeley, who nurtured, encouraged and challenged the group to succeed. Like so many other coastal issues and projects in which David becomes involved, the Council is where it is today because of his long-term guidance and support, and his unwavering ability to question, respond, and deliver. For all of his hard work and dedication, David was recently honored with the 2003 Walter B. Jones Memorial Award for Coastal Steward of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Maine is honored, grateful and fortunate to have a devoted citizen like David Keeley. His tireless work to protect our coastal

resources has truly made a difference to the great state of Maine and to the entire nation.

TITLE IX

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I stand today on behalf of a great majority of Americans who support Title IX.

Thirty years ago, my friend, The Late Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, the first woman of color to be elected in Congress, unremittently and dauntlessly challenged old stereotypes like a "woman's place being in the home."

Representative Mink was nationally recognized as a crusader for the rights of women, minorities and the poor. She co-authored the Women's Educational Equity Act, now known as Title IX, which prohibits gender discrimination by institutions receiving federal funding. Title IX is credited for helping push schools and universities to invest equally in women's athletics and educational programming. She envisioned the law to serve as a means to reduce and eventually eliminate gender discrimination.

USA Today, CNN and the Gallup Poll published on January 8, 2003, their survey results showing that 7 out of 10 adults familiar with Title IX think that the law should be strengthened or left alone.

Statistics will prove why our people support Title IX:

Women student athletes graduate at a significantly higher rate of 68% than women students in general who graduate at a rate of 59%.

80% of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports as students.

82% of women business executives who played sports said that the lessons they learned on the playing field contributed to their success in business.

A Women's Sports Foundation study showed that teenage athletes are less likely to use marijuana, cocaine or other illicit drugs, less likely to be suicidal, less likely to smoke and are more likely to have a positive body image than female non-athletes.

Through the years, Title IX has diminished the inequity against women without depriving men of the same funds and opportunities.

In 2000, Division I educational institutions spent one dollar on women's sports for every two dollars spent on men's sports, and yet women increasingly continued to participate in sports activities.

From 1971–2001, women's college athletic participation increased by 403% and high school girls' athletic participation increased by a whopping 847%.

This proves that women's interest in sports follows opportunity.

Let us remember that the women of America comprise half of the population of this great country. We share the future with the men of America.

The landmark Title IX legislation is the last memory of how tenaciously Congresswoman Patsy Mink fought to improve the lives of girls for generations to come.

On behalf of many women and Asian American organizations, I submit my position on Title IX to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I support Title IX and all of its' opportunities for women and girls.

Protect Title IX and let it fulfill its mission.

HONORING BLACK WOMEN UNITED FOR ACTION (BWUFA)

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of BWUFA, Black Women United For Action. Over the course of their 17 year history, BWUFA has been an outspoken voice for the concerns of women, the impoverished, and vulnerable families throughout the world.

As a volunteer, non-profit community service organization based in Springfield, Virginia, BWUFA has continued to successfully provide a variety of community programs that offer support services with a social, cultural and educational focus. As BWUFA volunteers will attest, there is no price that can be placed on the gifts of love, compassion and caring from one person to another. This is the guiding philosophy that drives BWUFA to help make the world a better place for tomorrow's leaders. They consider it both a distinct pleasure and an obligation to touch the lives of others for the improvement of our community.

One of BWUFA's major efforts is to readily disseminate pertinent information to the public through forums such as their Roundtable Discussions. From talking about healthy living initiatives to the need for solid investment strategies, BWUFA provides these mediated conversations to encourage critical thinking on complex issues that affect us all. It is through this exchange of ideas in a relaxed setting that many can develop plans to radically alter their lives for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have had the opportunity of working closely with this valuable organization in the past and look forward to continued interaction in the future. BWUFA sets the example as a model organization striving to improve the lives of others everyday. I salute their stewardship and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN ZIMMERMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LEGAL PROFESSION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman, and good friend, from Ohio. John Zimmerman has always admired the practice of law and has always enjoyed doing it. After 52 years in the practice, he is as upbeat about his work today as the day he began. He opened his first office on April 15, 1951, on the second floor of the old Masterson's building. Mr. Zimmerman was elected shortly thereafter as Defiance City Attorney and served in that capacity from 1952–1955. Subsequent to his service as City Attor-

ney, John served as County Prosecutor, holding that position for 12 years.

Mr. Speaker, in all his years of practice, John never tried a single murder case until the last two years as Prosecutor, and then there were four. Mr. Zimmerman got a conviction on each one, he would tell you proudly.

Prior to doing battle in the local tribunal, John served in the 91st Infantry and received a battlefield commission and Bronze Star in Italy during WW II. While serving overseas, his father, Elmer, who worked as an agent for the IRS, received a transfer and moved the family from its home in Old Fort, Ohio to Defiance, Ohio. His mother, Effa, a music teacher, taught around the various schools in Defiance County.

Upon returning to the states in 1946, John came to Defiance in the spring of that year, enrolled in classes at Defiance College going straight through his undergraduate years without a break. It was about this same time that he helped to reorganize the local National Guard Company in Defiance. He finished his studies at the University of Toledo and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1951 from The Ohio State University School of Law.

John entered into a partnership with Defiance native, attorney, and artist, Ed Hummer in 1957. That same year they established a satellite office in Hicksville, Ohio. In 1963, John formed a law firm with Karl Weaner and Reeder Hutchinson. That office was located in the offices above the State Bank and Trust Co. until 1991, when the firm purchased the modern-looking, stone and cedar-sided building on the corner of Wayne and Third Streets. Mr. Zimmerman is one of the last remaining from the original firm that still exists today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. John E. Zimmerman. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like John, who care about their well being and stability. We wish John, his wife, Loisann, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our state's finest citizens.

CONDEMNING THE ARRESTS OF OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker. I rise before you today to condemn the recent acts of the Turkish-Cypriot leadership. Only two weeks after denying their citizens the right to conduct a referendum vote on acceptance of the UN plan for reunification of the island, the illegitimate Turkish-Cypriot government has once again denied the will of its constituency.

In response to Rauf Denkash's refusal to allow a referendum vote, an opposition party in Northern Cyprus, the United Cyprus Party, planned to hold its own vote to explicitly demonstrate the desire of Turkish-Cypriots for a resolution to the Cyprus Question. Under the direction of Mr. Denkash, the Turkish-Cypriot police surrounded the village of Elia, and forcefully ensured that the vote could not take place. The General Secretary of the United Cyprus Party, Izzet Izcan, was arrested in the incident along with five trade unionists.